

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the first resin and second resin are only joined at the edges of the middle portion. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, on page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 3 and Fig. 2(a). In addition, claim 2 has been amended to change "MFR" to --melt flow rate--.

Claims 10-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

I. Objection

Claims 2, 10 and 11 objected to because the recitation "MFR" should be "melt flow rate". Claim 2 has been amended, thereby obviating the objection. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. Response to Rejection of Claims 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Without acquiescing the merits of the rejection, claims 10-17 have been canceled and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. In this regard, it is respectfully submitted the degree of enclosure of both side edges of the first resin with the second resin are inherent features resulting from differences in MFR, extrusion, temperature, etc.

III. Response to Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 10-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-4 and 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Blemberg et al. (US 5,705,111).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a method of forming a resin film from a first resin for a middle portion to form a resin film main body of the resin film and a second resin for edge portions to form both side edge portions in a crosswise direction of the resin film, the method comprising the steps of: joining the first resin and the second resin in such a manner as to enclose only both side edges in the crosswise direction of the first resin for the middle portion which is formed as a cross-section convex shape with the second resin for the edge portions which is formed as a cross-section concave shape and to form a boundary of the first resin and the second resin; and extruding the joined resins through an extruding die to form the resin film.

Blemberg teaches a method for making a multi-layered film. In the process a first melt stream is surrounded by, or encapsulated in, a second melt stream. *See* col. 6, lines 3-17; *see also* Fig. 8 (where 46 represents the core layer formed by the first melt and 48 represents the layer elements formed by the second melt).

In the present invention, only the edges of the first resin are enclosed by the second resin, as recited in claim 1.

In contrast, as discussed above, the entire first melt stream of Blemberg is surrounded by the second melt stream. Thus, the edges of the first melt stream are not the only portions that are enclosed.

Hence, Blemberg does not anticipate claim 1.

In addition, claims 2-4 depend from claim 1, and thus, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 2-5 and 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2-5 and 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Blemberg et al. in view of Kegasawa et al. (US 6,203,742).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, and thus, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claim 1. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that Kegasawa does not make up for the deficiencies of Blemberg.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

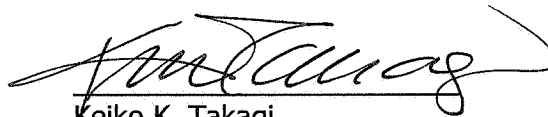
V. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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